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TO: File

FROM: Frank J. Filas, Reclamation Engineer 

RE: Site Inspection, Clark Mining Company Properties,
DOE/015/022 and DOE/015/023

On July 2, 1987, Frank Filas discovered two small mining operations that the Division does not have on file. They are underground organic shale mines and are located in the west half of Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 6 East. They can be accessed by taking the north exit off Interstate 70 at approximately seven miles east of the I70-HWY 10 junction. Take this gravel road for 5.5 miles until reaching the lower site.

The lower site is operated by:

Mr. T. J. Clark
4498 Gilead Way
Salt Lake City, Utah

It consists of a short access road, a fenced adit, and a truck loadout. There was a blue dump truck, a Wyco semitrailer, an oil tanker, and an old white pickup truck onsite.

The upper site can be reached by traveling 1/4 mile further to the north and then taking the left fork in the road. This road will wind back to the southwest (above the first site) to a small shack with a collection of junked cars and equipment. There is a large, friendly dog onsite, and the sign on the shack says "Mineral Rock". This property is controlled by:

Robert L. Clark
Salt Lake City, Utah

Directly below the shack is a narrow road with three to four fenced adits leading into a side of the mesa. There is also a loadout area. The lower site is visible from the loadout area.

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Both sites appear to be worked on an intermittent basis. In each case, the shale is in a six- to seven-foot high seam directly below a massive, blocky, sandstone formation. The shale is mined by drilling and blasting, and the adits require considerable timbering. After mining, the shale is shipped to Salt Lake where it is leached. The resultant leachate is bottled and shipped to California where it is sold for medicinal purposes.

Total surface disturbance at each of the two sites is approximately two acres. They are located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land and are covered under a Notice of Intent with the San Rafael Resource Area. Mr. Neil Simmons of the BLM furnished the names and addresses for the Clark brothers. Rumor has it that Bob and T.J. are feuding with each other at this time over the claims which were owned by their father.

Recommendation: It appears to be unnecessary to have the Clark Brothers file a Declaration of Exemption (DOE) at this time. It is recommended that we start two DOE files for them and then contact them when the rules for Small Mine Operations are finalized.

clj
cc: L. Braxton
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Upper Site, 7-2-87
"Mineral Rock Mining Co."

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looking at upper site from
road below

Upper Site 7-2-87
Narrow road along which
4 adits are located

~~Upper Site~~
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Upper Site - Adit

Upper Site 7-2-87
Adit and friendly dog.

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Load Out Area -
Upper Site